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Cheers as Coe takes on Cram and unusual capture of a ne'er do well

MIKE PETTY AND JAMES MILNER LOOK THROUGH THE CAMBRIDGE NEWS ARCHIVES AT SOME OF THE STORIES FROM THIS DAY IN THE PAST

C5? See nothing – 1988

SIR Clive Sinclair's Stone House, on Madingley Road, was built in 1896. If he had chosen a fortress to protect him from prying eyes he could hardly have found a more solid building.

The walls are more than a foot thick in solid stone and even the front door is a formidable structure of metal and glass.

It has a Middle Eastern annex with a fabulous, hand-painted ceiling and a collection of calculators and computers in a large glass cabinet. It is on the market for £750,000.

Cuba protest – 1962

MORE than 200 people participated in the 'no war over Cuba' march around Cambridge.

The marchers were mostly students but included 87-year-old Mrs Clara Rackham, and were led by Robert Davies, the prospective Labour Party candidate.

Four undergraduates carrying placards reading 'hands off Cuba' distributed leaflets to the thousands of spectators streaming into the city football ground on Milton Road.

Members of the Amalgamated Society of Woodworkers, who were meeting to discuss safety in the building industry, petitioned Mr Gaitskell and the TUC over the moves made by President Kennedy.

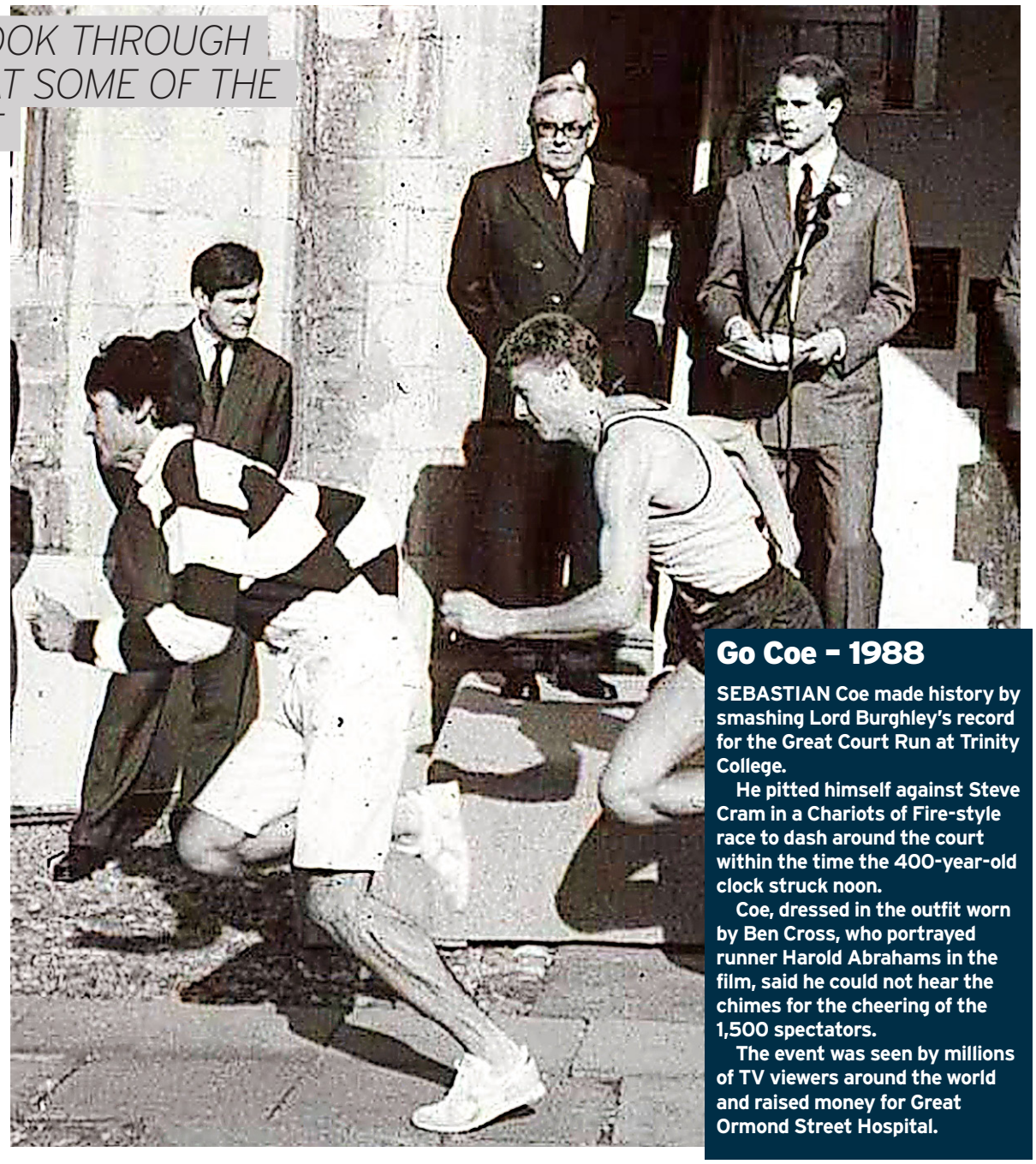
No sites for couple caravans – 1953

THERE is a big demand in Cambridge for caravans – but there is nowhere to put them, two Milton caravan site proprietors told an inquiry.

One said: "Young couples have the deposit but they won't have them because we cannot guarantee them a site in the area, near their work."

There is a large site at Great Shelford but, when people buy a caravan on the hire purchase, they just cannot afford £1 a week rent for the site.

They proposed to have 14 caravans adjoining The White Horse and 30 alongside the Milton Laundry. The parish council had no objections.



Go Coe – 1988

SEBASTIAN Coe made history by smashing Lord Burghley's record for the Great Court Run at Trinity College.

He pitted himself against Steve Cram in a Chariots of Fire-style race to dash around the court within the time the 400-year-old clock struck noon.

Coe, dressed in the outfit worn by Ben Cross, who portrayed runner Harold Abrahams in the film, said he could not hear the chimes for the cheering of the 1,500 spectators.

The event was seen by millions of TV viewers around the world and raised money for Great Ormond Street Hospital.

Magdalene Street to stay – 1952

CAMBRIDGE city council has decided not to proceed with its proposal to widen Magdalene Street and reconstruct the Great Bridge.

They had heard objections by the university and a statement on behalf of Magdalene College and believed that, with mutual co-operation between the city and colleges, some of the causes for the present traffic